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November 13, 1928

Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

There are numerous references in historical records to the old practices of clipping coins.

Reading between the lines I feel confident that clipping had a broader application than merely cutting off the edge of a coin with a pair of scissors or similar instrument - that it covered any operation by which a part of a coin was removed; that "clipping" included the removal of a part of a coin by punching out a small section.

I am very anxious, however, to verify the foregoing and I would, indeed, be grateful to you if you could give me any information which will help in this verification.

Cordially yours,

James E. Clark

Editor
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15th November, 1928

Mr. James E. Clark, Editor,
American Bankers Association Journal,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Responding to your letter of November 13th: You are quite correct in your belief that 'clipping' sometimes implies more than the cutting-off of the edge of a coin. Do you have available a copy of Mr. Wood's 'The Coinage of the West Indies', with especial reference to the cut and counter-stamped pieces? This was published in the American Journal of Numismatics for 1914, and although the cutting of the coins in this particular instance involves more than mere clipping, I believe this is the reference for which you are looking. A futther reference is to Robert Chalmers' 'A History of Currency in the British Colonies'; here there is detailed reference to the conditions which resulted through the attempt to fix the value of Spanish and Portuguese gold coins in terms of silver, or vice versa. One of these results, the opposite of clipping, was the plugging of the gold pieces to raise their value.

If these volumes are not available to you and you care to visit our Library, we shall be very glad to place them at your disposal.

Trusting that this will give you the desired information, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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November 16, 1928

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 15 and to thank you sincerely for your kindness and trouble.

I assure you I appreciate it.

Cordially yours,

James E. Clark

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